

Welcome to Chinook Bend Natural Area



Tons of things are under way to enhance your experience here!

Welcome to this 59-acre ecological preserve. This wonderful park was donated to King County in 2000 by Nestlé USA to preserve fish and wildlife habitat and enhance passive recreational use.

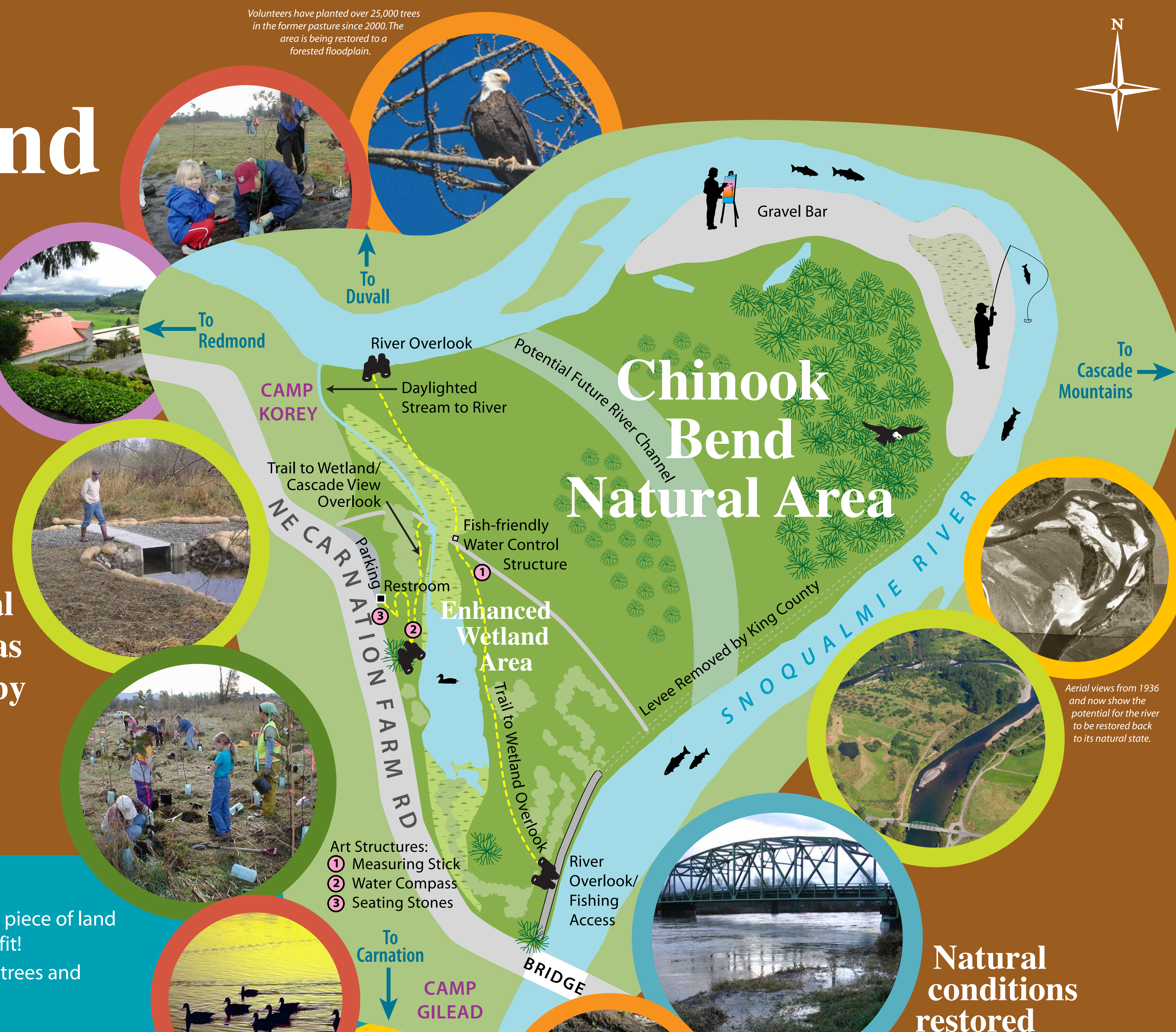
Thank you

- To Nestlé USA for donating this ecologically important piece of land to King County Parks. Fish, wildlife and people all benefit!
- To the many volunteers that have planted over 25,000 trees and native shrubs here.
- To the generous funders:
 - King Conservation District
 - King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks WaterWorks Grant
 - Resource and Conservation Funding Board, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant
 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife North American Wetland Conservation Act grant



Amenities: thanks to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant

A safe parking lot, river and wetland overlooks, a vault bathroom and American Disability Act-accessible trails to the river and wetland...these amenities are now completed thanks to the Resource Conservation Funding Board's ALEA grant.



Volunteers have planted over 25,000 trees in the former pasture since 2000. The area is being restored to a forested floodplain.



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Aerial views from 1936 and now show the potential for the river to be restored back to its natural state.

Natural conditions restored

A portion of the levee north of the parking lot has been removed to allow the river to access its historic flood plain. This will benefit salmon and trout.

An enhanced wetland, a source of clean water

Ducks Unlimited partnered with King County to enhance a wetland here. The project uses highly-treated reclaimed water from Carnation's new treatment plant. The project allowed us to:

- daylight the stream channel going to the river;
- control reed canary grass and other weeds;
- manage water levels with a fish-friendly water control structure;
- create mounds and depressions that provide food and shelter for amphibians, birds, fish and other wildlife; and
- plant native trees and shrubs to restore the surrounding marsh and forested buffers.

This is not a treatment wetland; the water is clean when it arrives. The water is treated to Class A reclaimed standards, which are the strictest standards of the state departments of Health and Ecology. Using reclaimed water here, and perhaps for irrigation in the valley in the future, allows for real benefit from this water resource. For a tour of the plant, call **206-296-8286**.